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Honorable Glenda Nelson
Chairwoman, Estom Yumeka Tribe
Estom Yumeka Tribe of Enterprise Rancheria
2133 Monte Vista Avenue
Oroville, CA 95966

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

This letter is to introduce you and Estom Yumeka Tribe of Enterprise Rancheria to a project that is proposed for planning in 2018 and implementation in 2018 and 2019.

The Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District is conducting analysis for proposals to perform fire restoration activities in the area of the Bullards Bar Fire (map).

Proposed activities include:

- treat for 6 species of non-native invasive plants within the western of the two quarry sites, approximately 24 acres, along Marysville Road in the vicinity of the New Bullards Bar Dam using both herbicides and manual treatments (invasive non-native skeletonweed is the primary target for herbicide treatments, that will be in areas of open ground, not in the adjacent forest) (see attached photo);
- use mastication, hand-cutting, piling, and pile burning to reduce fuels in the fire area;
- use of prescribed fire to treat and re-treat fuels in the fire area;
- construct approximately 2.5 miles of new trail; and
- restore pine (ponderosa and sugar) and incense cedar in burned forest openings by masticate, plant, return and masticate.

As part of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 review process (NHPA) and the scoping phase for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation process, I am requesting your comments on the proposed actions and potential for undertakings under this project to affect historic, religious, and culturally significant properties.

The project area has been surveyed for cultural resources and no Native American resources were identified. Cultural resource records housed at the Feather River District, show no previously documented Native American cultural properties in the project area. Our goals are to: 1) receive comment on the proposed undertakings; 2) identify historic, religious, and culturally significant properties that could potentially be affected by the proposed actions; 3) assess the possible effects; and 4) seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on the properties.



Project Location

The proposed project area is located approximately 7-8 miles south, southeast of Challenge, California in the Vicinity of the New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir. Portions of Mount Diablo Meridian, T. 18 N., R. 7 E., sections 24, and 26.

Tribal Participation

The Bullards Bar Fire Restoration CE was listed in the Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA) beginning May 31, 2017. The Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments EA was listed in the SOPA beginning November 8, 2017.

Government to Government consultation with affected Federally Recognized Tribes is a critical requirement of the agency's land management activities. In addition, I consider cultural heritage issues to be very important in the management of our public lands, and I am interested in your comments on these projects. My staff and I are willing and available to consult face to face on any issues or concerns. Field trips can be scheduled if you wish to review the project area on the ground or discuss any unrecorded sites you are willing to highlight for the purpose of protection and preservation.

An Environment Assessment (EA) will be prepared to assess and disclose effects of the invasive plants treatments proposals. The other activities proposed are normally Categorical Excluded (CE) from further analysis in an EIS or EA. Decisions as a result of the analysis, will be made by the Responsible Official. The Responsible Official will be the Feather River District Ranger.

At this time, we would like your input base on the proposed actions. Your comments would be most useful if received by mid-December. A legal notice of the herbicide project will be published in the Oroville Mercury Register about November 15, 2017. I encourage you to reach out to any of us for questions or submitting comments regarding the consultation process:

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I look forward to working with you to assure that concerns about properties and places of traditional cultural importance are identified and addressed while planning and implementing these projects. I appreciate the interest and cooperation from Estom Yumeka Tribe of Enterprise Rancheria with our projects on the Plumas National Forest.

Sincerely,



KATHERINE CARPENTER
Acting District Ranger

cc: Reno Keoni Franklin, Tribal Historic Preservation Office



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Honorable Jim Edwards
Chairman,
Tyme Maidu Tribe of Berry Creek Rancheria
5 Tyme Way
Oroville, CA 95966

Dear Mister Chairman:

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cc: Dwayne M. Brown, Jr., Environmental Coordinator



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Chairman,
Concow Maidu Tribe of Mooretown Rancheria
1 Alverda Drive
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Dear Mister Chairman:

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